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1. Prime Minister Otto Grotewohl has recently appeared to be in a depressed mood and his wife expressed the belief he was worried by the reshuffle in the Polish Government during which all prominent Social Democrats were removed from leading positions. Grotewohl apparently fears that the East German Government may also be purged. ¹
2. Grotewohl is further reported to have been angry that the West German Government was the first to raise a federal loan. He now believes that for propaganda reasons the East German Government will have to forego its long discussed loan. ²

1. Comment. Grotewohl may be particularly worried by the removal of Josef Cyrankiewicz who has played a similar role in Poland since 1945 to that of Grotewohl in East Germany. Both figured prominently in efforts to merge the Social Democrats and Communists into one monolithic party in their respective countries. Cyrankiewicz, one of the last influential Social Democrats, was recently removed as Prime Minister by Boleslaw Bierut. Grotewohl's concern may not be completely unfounded since there is the possibility that Russian policy may aim at the complete incorporation of Germany into the Eastern Bloc, thus avoiding any apparent readiness to make concessions to German bourgeois elements which, in the eyes of the East, are represented by Grotewohl. However, there is no information to indicate that his position is actually endangered.

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2. Comment. It is conceivable that propaganda reasons, as indicated above, may influence a negative decision on the appropriateness of a state loan in East Germany.

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